

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

File 748

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Russell Farmhouse

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Russell Road southwest of Coloma

CITY, TOWN

Coloma

X VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Cecil

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

\_\_\_DISTRICT

X BUILDING(S)

\_\_\_STRUCTURE

\_\_\_SITE

\_\_\_OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

\_\_\_PUBLIC

X PRIVATE

\_\_\_BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

\_\_\_IN PROCESS

\_\_\_BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

X OCCUPIED

\_\_\_UNOCCUPIED

\_\_\_WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

\_\_\_YES: RESTRICTED

\_\_\_YES: UNRESTRICTED

\_\_\_NO

## PRESENT USE

\_\_\_AGRICULTURE

\_\_\_MUSEUM

\_\_\_COMMERCIAL

\_\_\_PARK

\_\_\_EDUCATIONAL

X PRIVATE RESIDENCE

\_\_\_ENTERTAINMENT

\_\_\_RELIGIOUS

\_\_\_GOVERNMENT

\_\_\_SCIENTIFIC

\_\_\_INDUSTRIAL

\_\_\_TRANSPORTATION

\_\_\_MILITARY

\_\_\_OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Miriam Russell

Telephone #: 658-4638

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Russell Road Russell Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Coloma

X VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21917

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Liber #: WEB 27

Folio #: 503

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Cecil County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

\_\_\_FEDERAL \_\_\_STATE \_\_\_COUNTY \_\_\_LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

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The Russell Farmhouse c. 1861 is a two story four bay by one room center stair frame house with rear two story two bay by one room ell kitchen. The house is built on the east slope of a rise and faces east with a north/south axis.

The farm complex includes a semi-attached summer kitchen and large dairy barn.

The main house rests on a fieldstone foundation and is sheathed with weatherboard siding. The medium sloped gable roof with composition tile shingle.

The main (east) facade has two central entrances with a 6/6 sash window on either side. Four 6/6 sash windows light the second floor and are located above each first floor opening. The front door panels consist of heavily molded octagonal forms. Three light transoms are found overhead. A shed roof porch covers the entire first floor and entire north side of the house. The porch roof is supported by champered posts with simply scrolled brackets. A stick balustrade is set between each pair of posts. The porch floor rests on brick piers with diagonal cattice fill. A boxed cornice stretches across above the second floor windows and extends beyond each gable end with short returns. The south gable end has two 6/6 sash on each floor which flank and interior brick stove stack with corbelled cap. A basement entrance is located on this end.

The north end is basically the same with the addition of attic lights that flank an identical interior end brick stack. The kitchen wing is flush with the main block and is two bays across by one room deep. A shed addition is attached to the south end. The window and door treatment is basically the same with an interior end brick stack which has an exposed stone firewall. A screened-in porch is attached to the shed and is also linked to the summer kitchen.

The interior of the main block consists of a single room on either side of an enclosed center stair. The mid 19th century interiors are more unusual with individual interpretations of mantel design. Heavy ogee molded opening surrounds support a frieze with the same surround molding used in a pediment motif. The shelf is slightly molded.

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The kitchen wing has a large cooking fireplace and an enclosed stair and closet with a beaded board partition.

The summer kitchen is built into a slope and is on two levels with an exposed fieldstone foundation on the east side. The first floor is a weatherboard frame with medium sloped tin roof and north interior end brick chimney with corbelled cap. A single 6/6 sash is found on each side and access is gained on the basement level. An interior stair lends access to the first floor. A large cooking fireplace is found on the first floor.

A large frame barn is found a good distance to the west of the main house.

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE		
1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE		
1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER		
1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION		
1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

~~were~~ <sup>WAS</sup> The Russell Farmhouse remains in the same family that were responsible for the construction of the house in 1861. An Edward T. Russell was the owner at the time. The house with existing summer kitchen is an uncommon survivor. The exposed firewall for the main kitchen fireplace is another characteristic not usually found. The builder of the house is reported to be "Dutch Sam" who was supposedly responsible for a house west of Liberty Grove along Basons Run. The mantels in the two houses are identical. The typical center stair single pile house is made ~~more~~ atypical with the use of two central front doors in the main elevation.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

Cecil County Committee i

DATE

5/20/80

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Cecil County Courthouse

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CITY OR TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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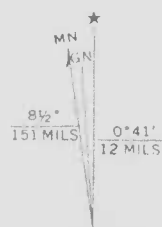


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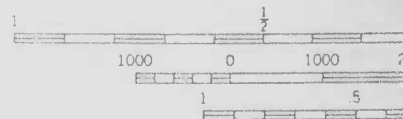
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taken 1952. Topography by plane-table surveys 1939 and 1940  
revised 1953

Polycyclic projection. 1927 North American datum  
10,000-foot grids based on Maryland coordinate system,  
and Pennsylvania coordinate system, south zone  
10,000-foot Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,  
zone 18, shown in blue

Revisions shown in purple compiled from aerial photographs  
taken 1970. This information not field checked



UTM GRID AND 1970 MAGNETIC NORTH  
DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET



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THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH  
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A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHY

RISING SUN QUAD



RUSSELL FARMHOUSE CE-1215  
NORTHEAST ELEV.

NR LIBERTY GROVE

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RUSSELL FARMHOUSE CE-1215

SOUTH ELEV OF HOUSE AND  
KITCHEN

MR LIBERTY GROVE

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